GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVANTS – Prohibition & Excise Department – Allegations of Criminal Misconduct and Criminal conspiracy against Sri Annavarapu Anand, Excise SHO and 24 other P&E officials for their involvement in the Liquor Syndicate case of East Godavari District – Accused Officers placed on their defence before the Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings – TDP framed charges - TDP Repealed - Case entrusted to Commissionerate of Inquiries – Sri R.P.Thakur, IPS(Retd), Member, Commissioner of Inquiries - Appointed as Inquiring Authority - Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.462 Dated:09.05.2023

Read the following:-

1. From the DG, ACB, Lr.Rc.No.63/RCO-REG/2012, Dated:06-11-2012
2. Govt. Memo.No.49990/VIG.V(2)/2012-1, dated:16-01-2013.
3. Act 29 of 2022 to repeal the Andhra Pradesh civil services (Disciplinary Proceedings Tribunal) Act, 1960 and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto published in AP Gazette, Part-IV-B Extrordinary No.29, Amaravati, dt:22.12.2022.
4. G.O.Ms.No.98, G.A.(Ser.E)Department, dt:18.08.2022.
5. U.O.Note.No.1878240/GAD/COI-R/2022-8, GA(COI)Dept., dt:29.11.2022.

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O R D E R :

Whereas the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau in his (final report) Lr.Rc.No.63/RCO-REG/2012,Dated:06-11-2012(Cr.No.3/RCO-RJY/2012) vide reference 1st read above, in respect of East Godavari District Liquor Syndicate case, reported that on the allegations of criminal misconduct and criminal conspiracy against Sri Annavarapu Anand, Excise SHO and 25 other P&E officials and recommended to place them on their defense before TDP. After following due procedure, the Government have entrusted their case to TDP. The TDP has framed charges against charged officers.

2. Whereas, Sri Sri Appari Venkata Mohan Rao (A.V.Mohan Rao)), involved in two liquor syndicate cases of East Godavari District and his two cases were entrusted to TDP for regular enquiry along with other P&E officials. The TDP has framed charges against him in two cases. During the enquiries in two cases are pending in TDP, he was died on 22.06.2021.

3. Whereas certain charged officers including Sri Uppu Subba Rao (U.Subba Rao), Distillery Officer, M/s Continental Wines Vijayawada, one of the Charged Officer's in the above disciplinary proceedings, have filed Writ Petitions before the Hon'ble High Court challenging the charge memos issued against them and same are pending with the Hon'ble High Court. In this regard, the GP for Service-I, APHC vide his letter dated 24.02.2023 has informed that the mentioned writ petitions came up for hearing on 24.02.2023 and the Hon'ble High Court directed to conclude the inquiries within 6 months, otherwise the charges will be quashed.

4. And whereas, in the Act 3rd read above, it was ordered that "the Tribunal constituted under the repealed Act shall stand abolished and all cases pending before the said Tribunal for Disciplinary proceedings on the said date shall stand transferred to the Commissionerate of Inquiries (COI) to continue the pending proceedings and shall be disposed off by it in accordance with the statutory rules governing conduct of the disciplinary proceedings in due compliance with principles of natural justice"

5. Whereas the Government have issued orders of procedure in respect of the cases pending before the TDP and allotted/transferred the same to Commissioner of Inquiries vide reference 4th read above.

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6. Accordingly, the above cases of Sri Annavarapu Anand, Excise SHO and 25 other P&E officials, East Godavari District, has been allotted/entrusted to Sri R.P.Thakur, IPS(Retd), Member, Commissioner of Inquiries, to enquire into the charges framed against charged officers vide reference 5th read above.

7. Government after careful examination of the matter, hereby place the remaining charged officers given below, on their defence before the Commissioner of Inquiries for conducting regular inquiry into the charges framed against them for their involvement in the liquor syndicate case of East Godavari district.

Sl. No.	Name of the Accused Officer Sarvasri	Designation	Place	A.O. No.	TEC No.
1	Annavarapu Anand	Excise SHO	Mummidivaram	5	301/2013
2	Kandikatla Prakash	Excise SHO	Ramole	6	302/2013
3	Batlanki Srinivasa Rao	Excise SHO	Kothapet	7	303/2013
4	Bodapati Satyanarayana	Excise SHO	Amalapuram	8	304/2013
5	Doragari Ram Suresh	Excise SHO	Kakinada South	9	305/2013
6	Pilli Tyagaraju	Excise SHO	Kakinada South	10	306/2013
7	Tadi Satyanarayana	Excise SHO	Peddapuram	11	307/2013
8	G.Venkata Laxmi	Excise SHO	Tallareve	12	308/2013
9	Mohammad Abdul Quadir	Excise SHO	Pithapuram	13	309/2013
10	Uppu Subba Rao	Excise SHO	Pithapuram	14	310/2013
11	Natakam Amareswara Rao	Excise SHO	Tuni	15	311/2013
12	Pala Nagabushanam	Excise SHO	Prathipadu	16	312/2013
13	Billa Radha Kishan	Excise SHO	Rajahmundry South	17	313/2013
14	Dr.P.V.Ramana Murthy	Excise SHO	Rajahmundry North	19	315/2013
15	Kola Veera Babu	Excise SHO	Rajahmundry North	20	316/2013
16	Rapeti Venkata Ramana Siva	Excise SHO	Alamuru	21	317/2013
17	Vella Nageswara Rao	Excise SHO	Rampachodavarm	22	318/2013
18	Madi Ramakrishna Das	Excise SHO	Rayavaram	23	319/2013
19	Guttula Gangadhara Rao	Excise SHO	Mummidivaram	24	320/2013
20	Rapolu Nagendra Rao	Excise SHO	Mummidivaram	25	321/2013
21	Marri Srivasa Rao	Excise SHO	Addateegala	26	322/2013
22	Lingam Chiranjeevi	Excise SHO(FAC)	Addateegala	27	323/2013
23	K.Ravindra Babu	Excise SHO	Addateegala	28	324/2013
24	Itha Srinubabu	Excise SHO	Rampachodavaram	29	325/2013
25	Ch.Madhu Mohana Rao	Excise SHO	Rampachodavaram	30	326/2013

8. Now, therefore the disciplinary authority in exercise of the powers conferred under sub-rule (2) of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules,1991, hereby appoint Sri R.P.Thakur, IPS(Retd), Member, Commissioner of Inquiries, as Inquiry Officer to enquire into the charges framed against charged officers mentioned at para 7 above, for their involvement in Liquor Syndicate case of East Godavari district and he is directed to complete the enquiry expeditiously and to furnish the Inquiry Report to the Government within 4 months (keeping in view of the directions of the Hon'ble High Court in the writ petitions filed by the certain charged officers) to enable the Government to take further action and pass final orders in the matter within the stipulated time as observed by the Hon`ble High Court.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr.RAJAT BHARGAVA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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To

Sri R.P.Thakur, IPS(Retd), Member, Commissioner of Inquiries, General Administration (COI) Department, AP Secretariat Building No.5, Velagapudi (with enclosures i.e the reports of the case which received from the TDP).

Copy to:

Sri Annavarapu Anand, Excise SHO and 24 other P&E officials, East Godavari District (Through the Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada)

The Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada

The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi, Guntur District.

The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.

The General Administration (COI) Department, A.P.Secretariat, Building No.5, Velgapudu, Guntur District.

The GP for Services-1, APHC, Amaravathi

Sri Kolavanti Pridhvi Raju, Panel Advocate & Presenting Officer

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